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TO : Chief, Language and External Training School

DATE: 22 May 1956

FROM : Chief, Western Department, LETS

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

## A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

## B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. At their mid-point the current area courses in the Western Department featured three top-flight specialists as guest lecturers. In the course on "The National Interest of the United States in the Middle East," the vital question of oil for America

author, educator, and foreign affairs specialist. In the "Free Europe" course, the strategic role of this area in American global strategy was presented by Col. Michael Popowski, Chief of the Europe and Middle East Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Department of the Army. All three lectures were among the best so far given in these courses.

2. The seriousness of the shortage of clerical help in LETS was further aggravated when [ ] Records Officer and Training Assistant, had to stand by in the lab a large part of the week in [ ] absence. This left only [ ] to cover the incoming calls and visitors at 2129 I, which required a sizable amount of the time of three persons prior to [ ] recent departure. In addition, [ ] was trying to carry her principal assignment, that of sole clerical assistant for both language and area instructors in the Western Department, which by itself requires considerably more than the full time of one person.

3. [ ] entered on duty on Wednesday, 16 May, as a contract employee in connection with the Semi-Intensive [ ] course.

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